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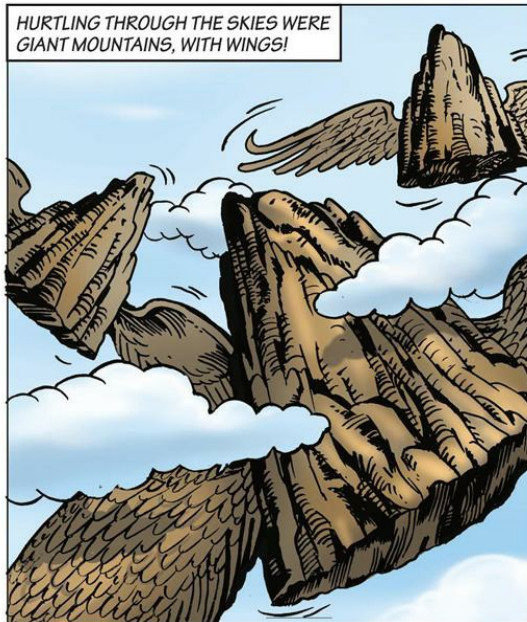
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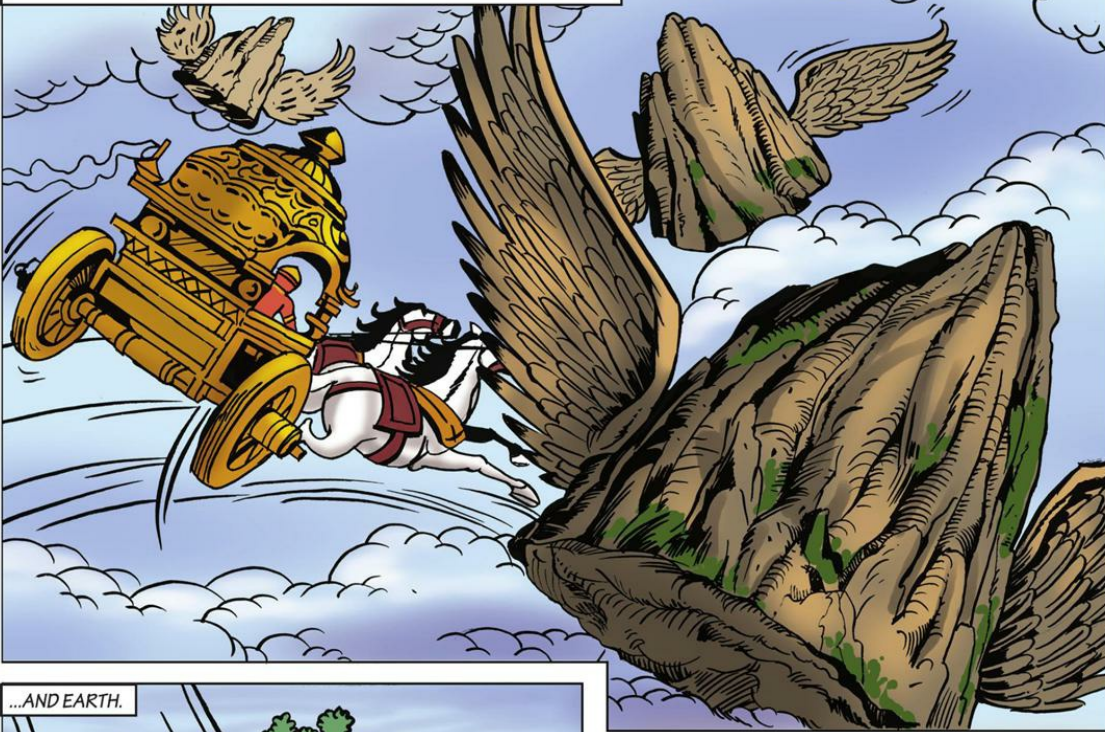
LONG LONG AGO, BIRDS AND GODS
WERE NOT THE ONLY THINGS THAT FLEW.



HURLING THROUGH THE SKIES WERE
GIANT MOUNTAINS, WITH WINGS!



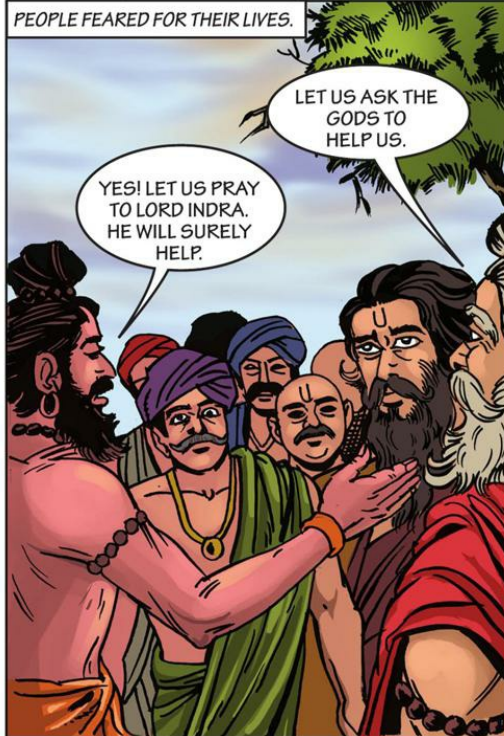
THEY SOARED THROUGH THE SKY AND LANDED WHEREVER THEY CHOSE TO. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY CREATED CHAOS IN BOTH HEAVEN...



...AND EARTH.



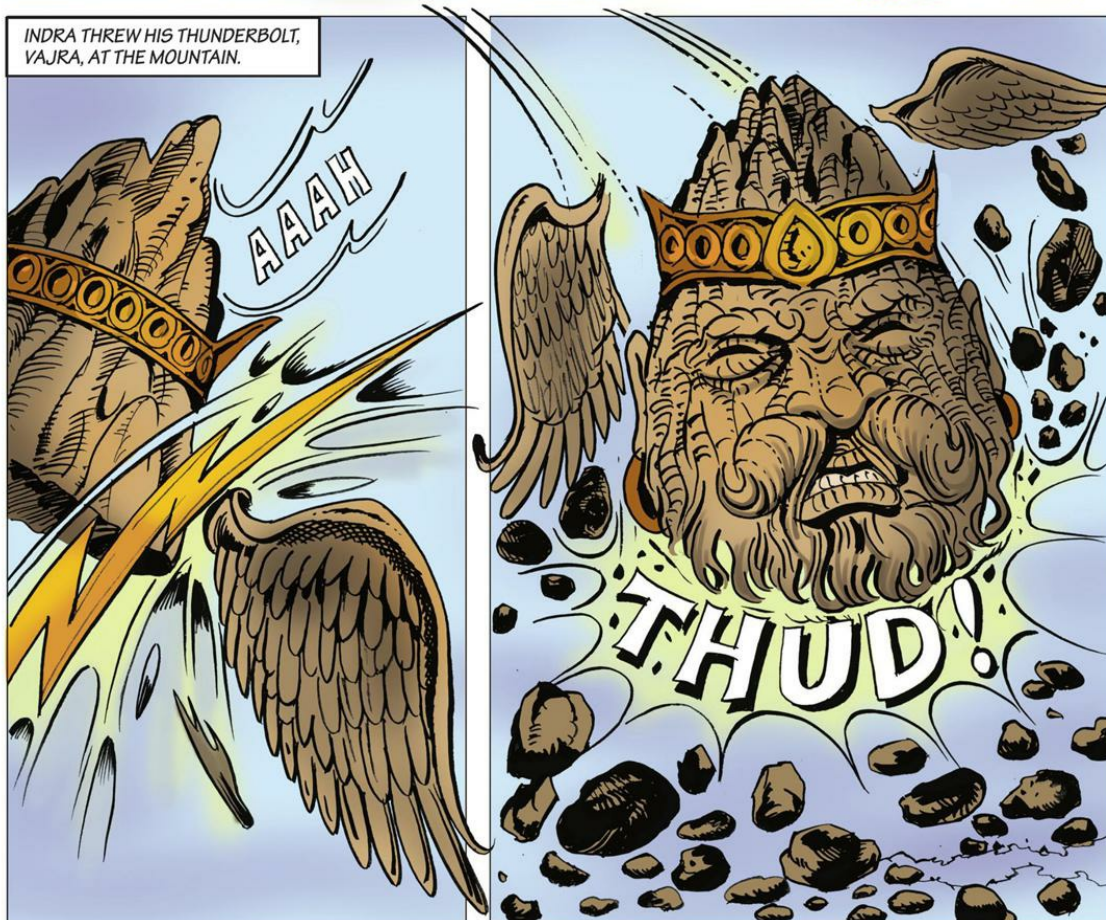
PEOPLE FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES.

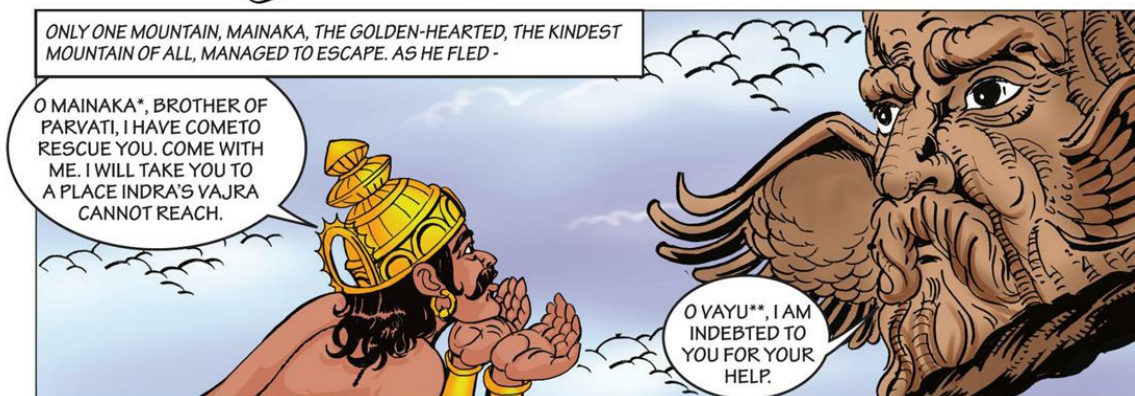
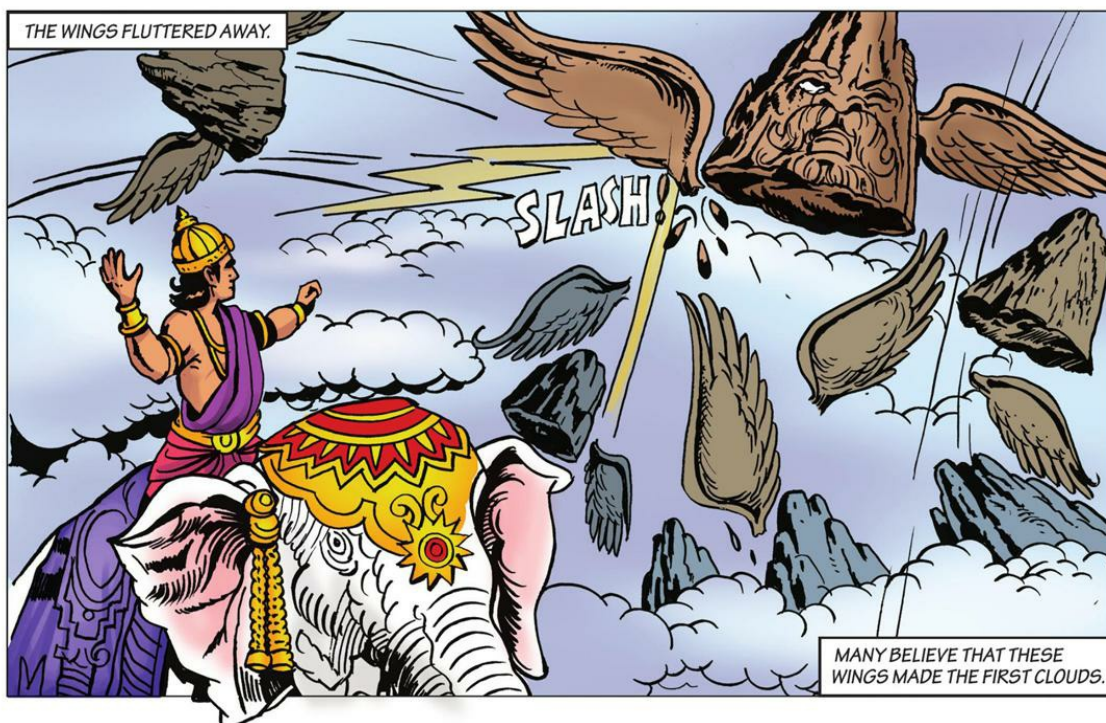
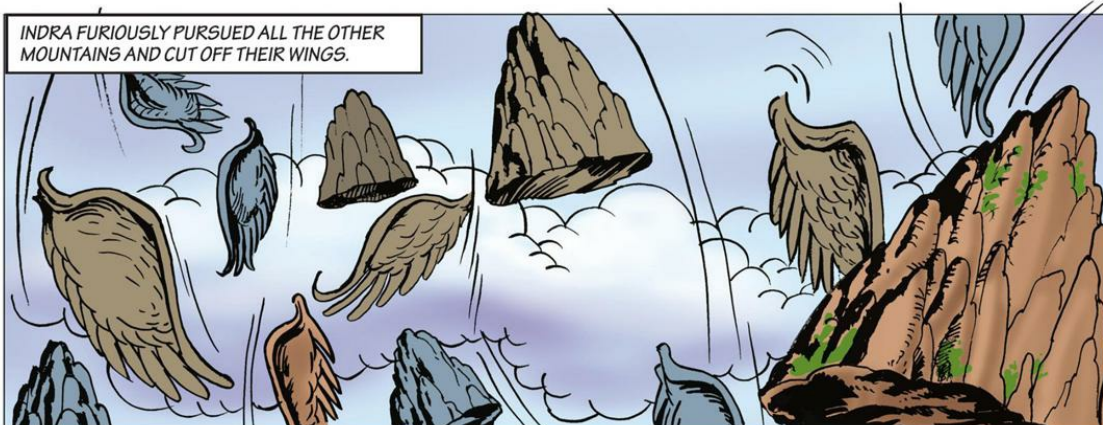


LET US ASK THE GODS TO HELP US.

YES! LET US PRAY TO LORD INDRA. HE WILL SURELY HELP.



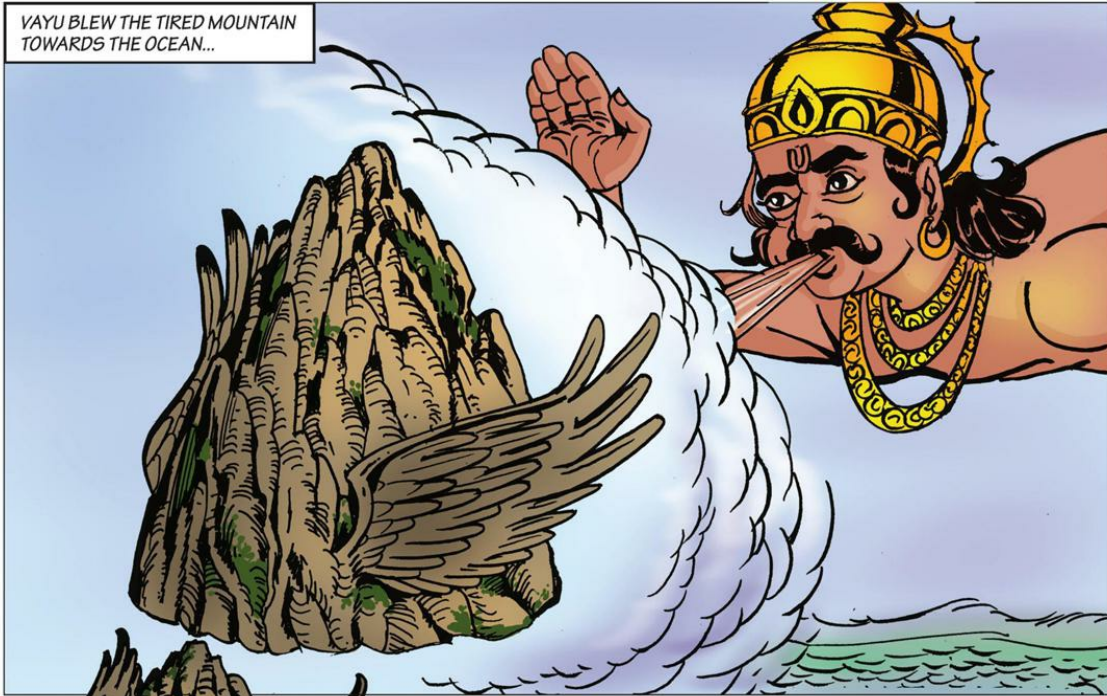




* MAINAKA WAS THE SON OF HIMAVAN AND MENA. PARVATI, WIFE OF SHIVA, WAS THEIR DAUGHTER.

** THE WIND GOD

VAYU BLEW THE TIRED MOUNTAIN
TOWARDS THE OCEAN...



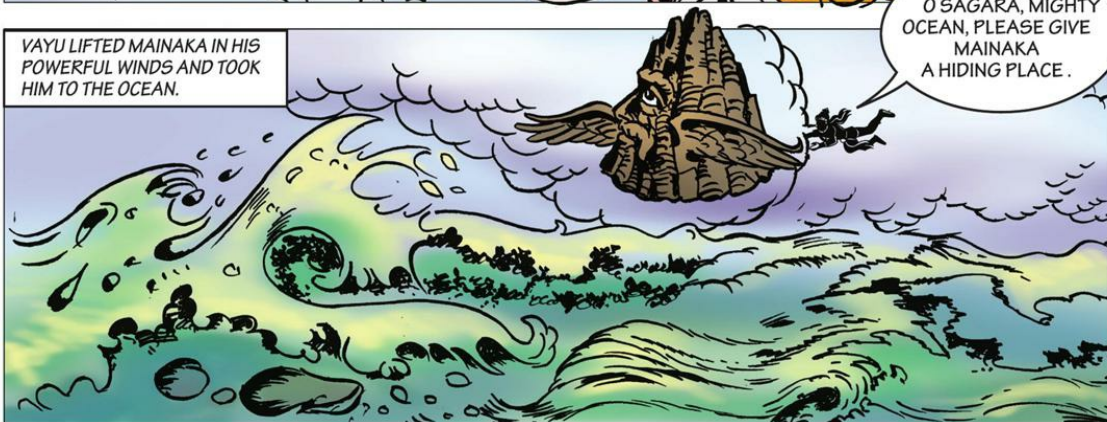
...BUT INDRA SAW THEM FLEE!

WHO DARES
FLY AWAY
FROM ME?
MAINAKA,
YOU CANNOT
ESCAPE.

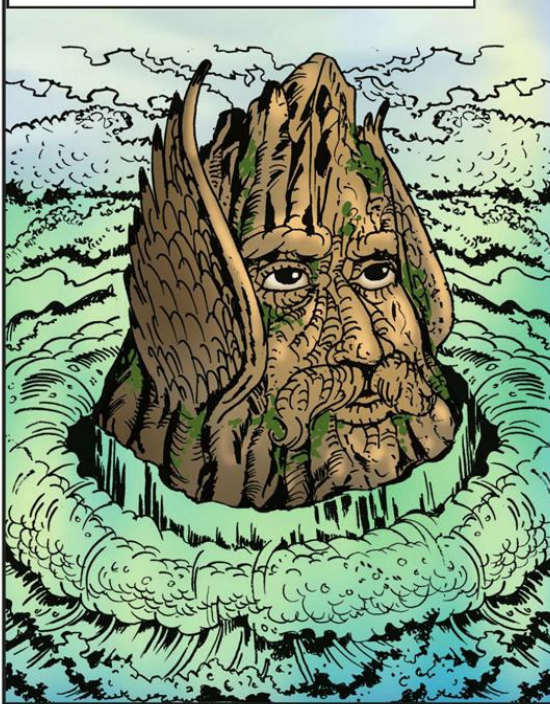


VAYU LIFTED MAINAKA IN HIS
POWERFUL WINDS AND TOOK
HIM TO THE OCEAN.

O SAGARA, MIGHTY
OCEAN, PLEASE GIVE
MAINAKA
A HIDING PLACE.



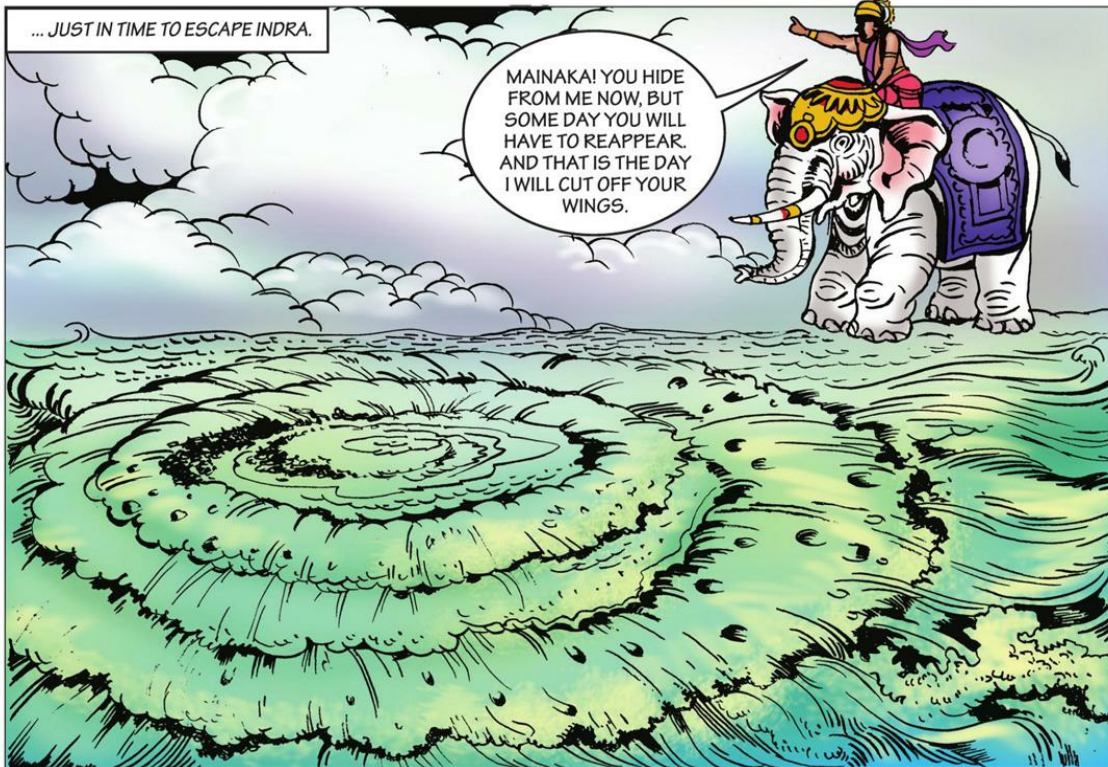
IMMEDIATELY, THE GREAT WATERS GURGLED AND WHIRLED UNTIL THERE WAS SPACE FOR MAINAKA.



THE GRATEFUL MOUNTAIN SANK IN AND WAS SOON SWALLOWED UP BY SAGARA...



... JUST IN TIME TO ESCAPE INDRA.



SAGARA CONSOLED MAINAKA -

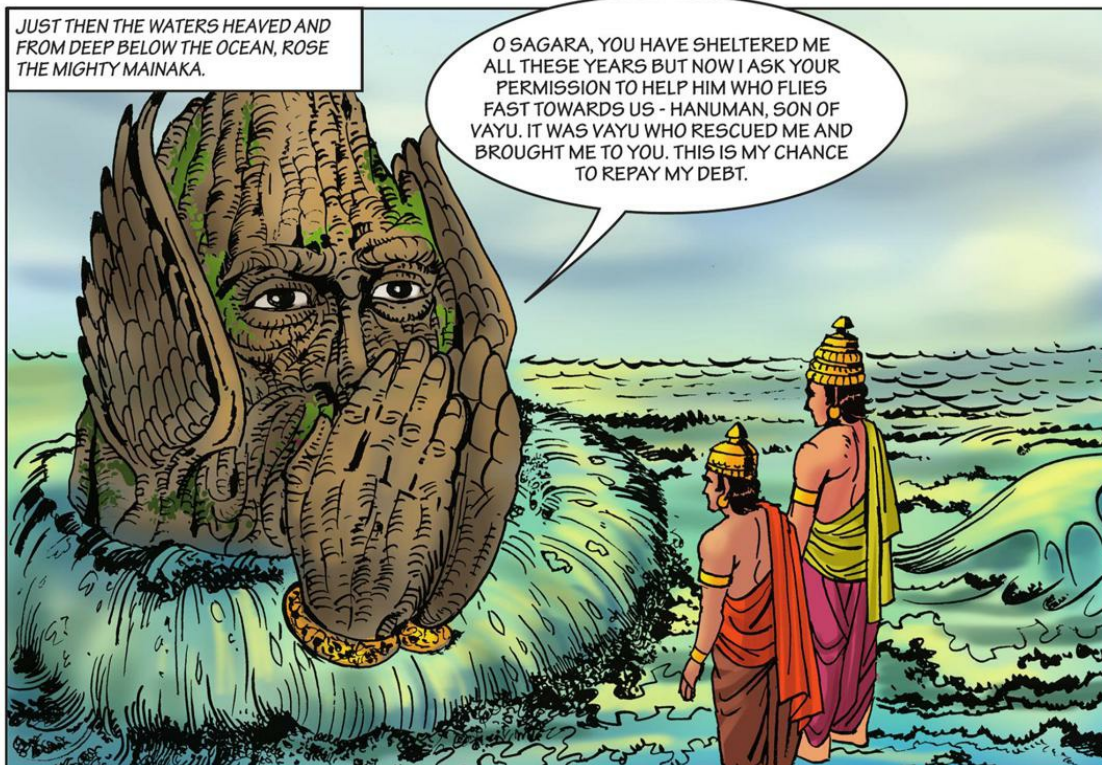
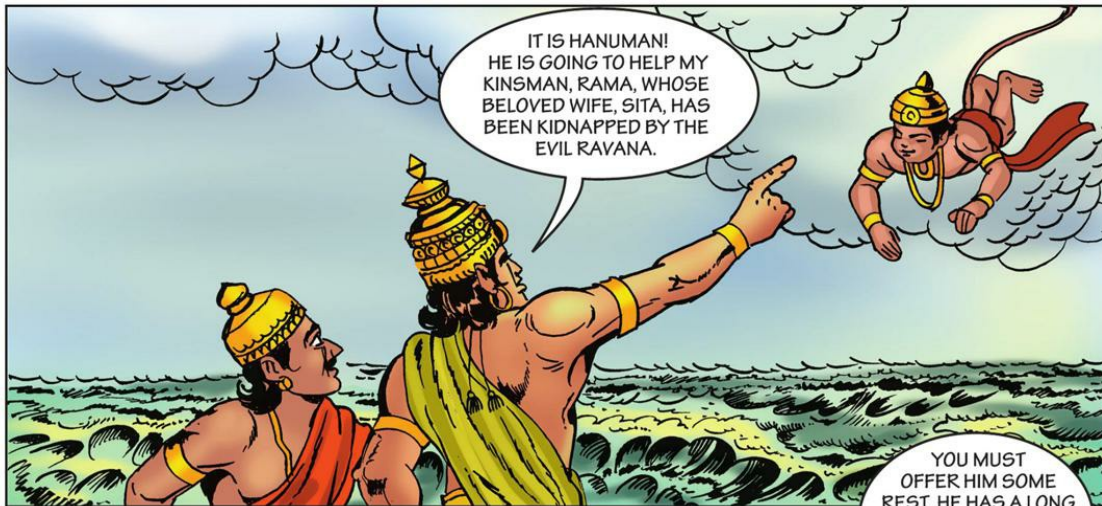


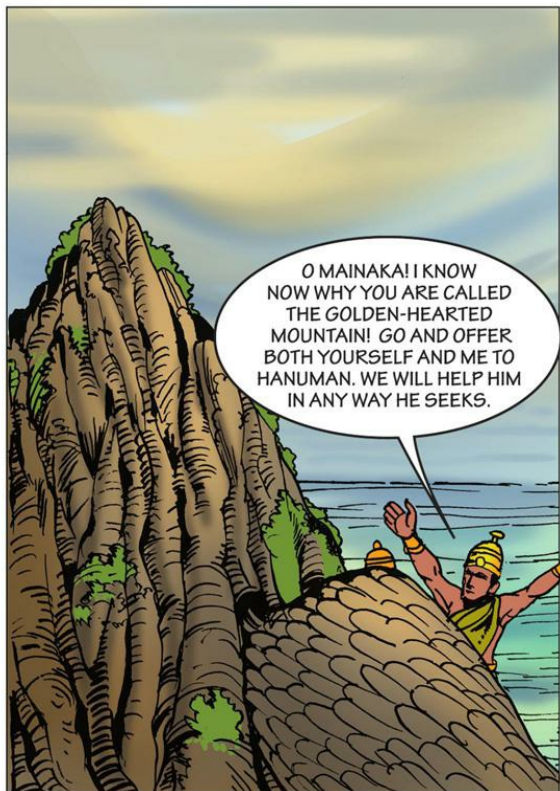
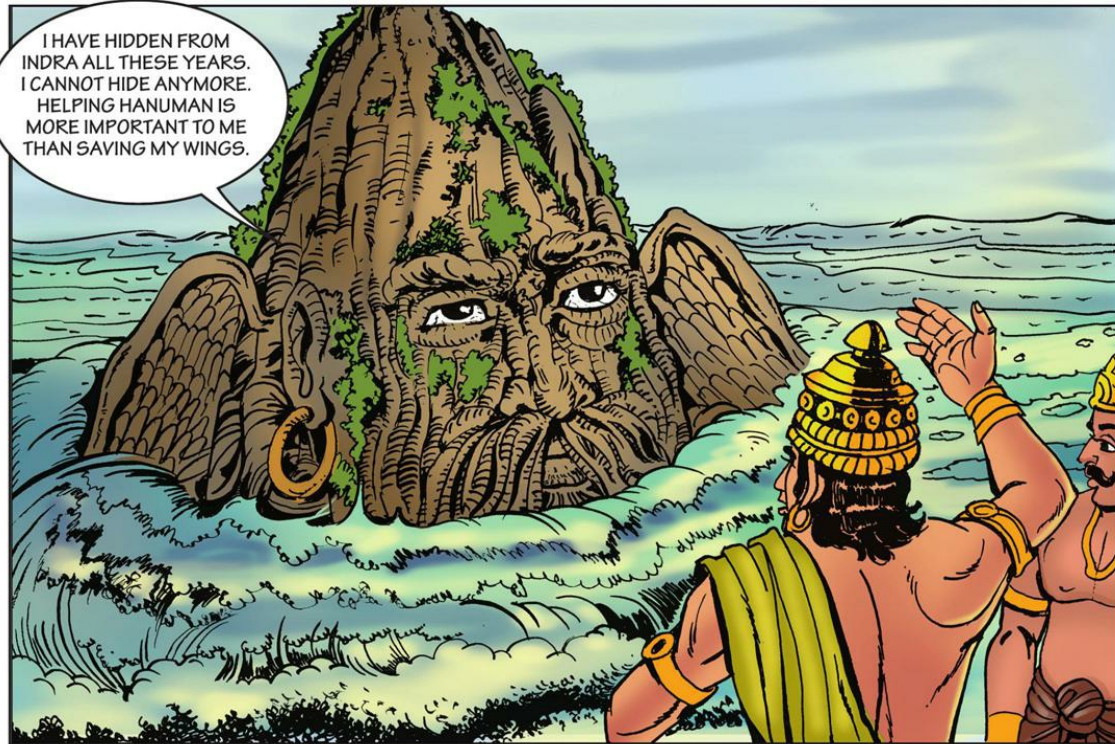
NOT WANTING TO TAKE A CHANCE, MAINAKA STAYED UNDER THE OCEAN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS...

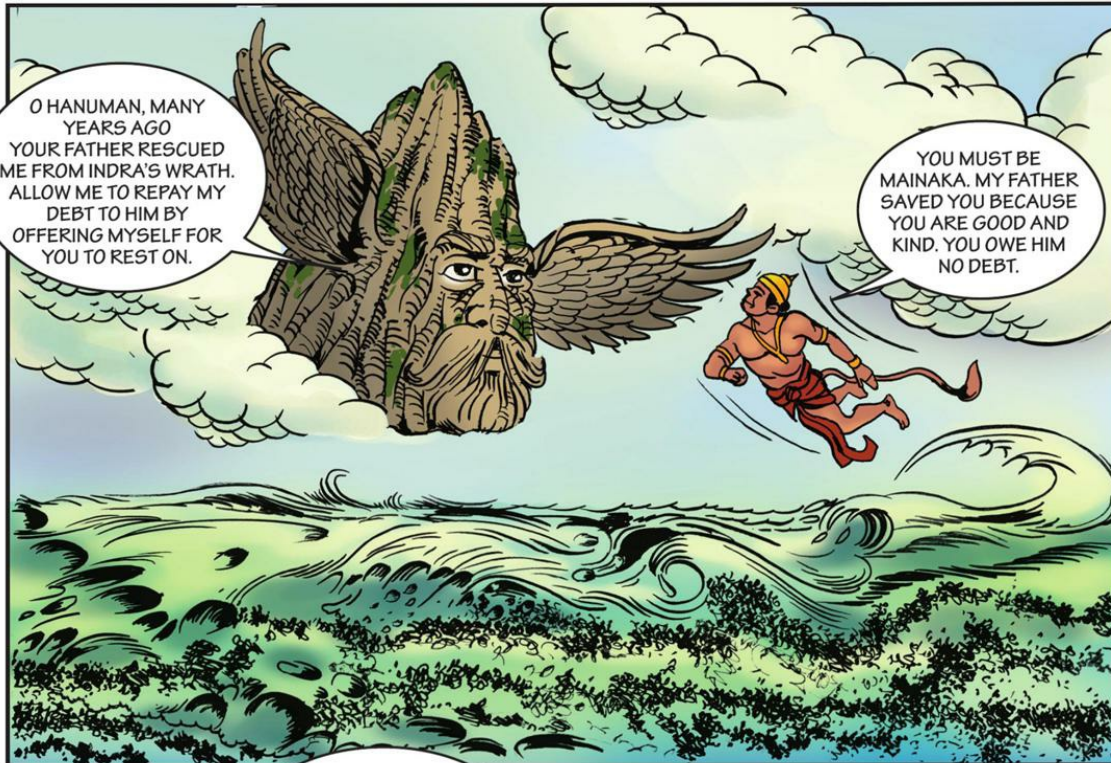


...UNTIL ONE DAY -



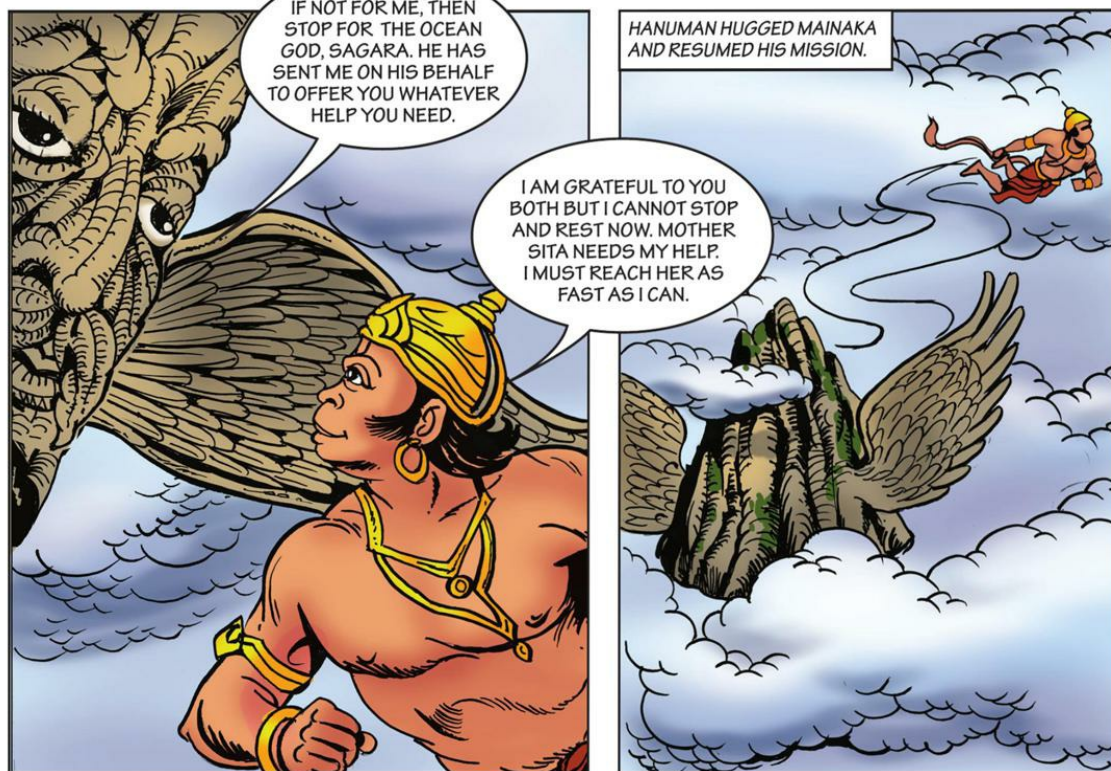






O HANUMAN, MANY YEARS AGO YOUR FATHER RESCUED ME FROM INDRA'S WRATH. ALLOW ME TO REPAY MY DEBT TO HIM BY OFFERING MYSELF FOR YOU TO REST ON.

YOU MUST BE MAINAKA. MY FATHER SAVED YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE GOOD AND KIND. YOU OWE HIM NO DEBT.



IF NOT FOR ME, THEN STOP FOR THE OCEAN GOD, SAGARA. HE HAS SENT ME ON HIS BEHALF TO OFFER YOU WHATEVER HELP YOU NEED.

I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU BOTH BUT I CANNOT STOP AND REST NOW. MOTHER SITA NEEDS MY HELP. I MUST REACH HER AS FAST AS I CAN.

HANUMAN HUGGED MAINAKA AND RESUMED HIS MISSION.

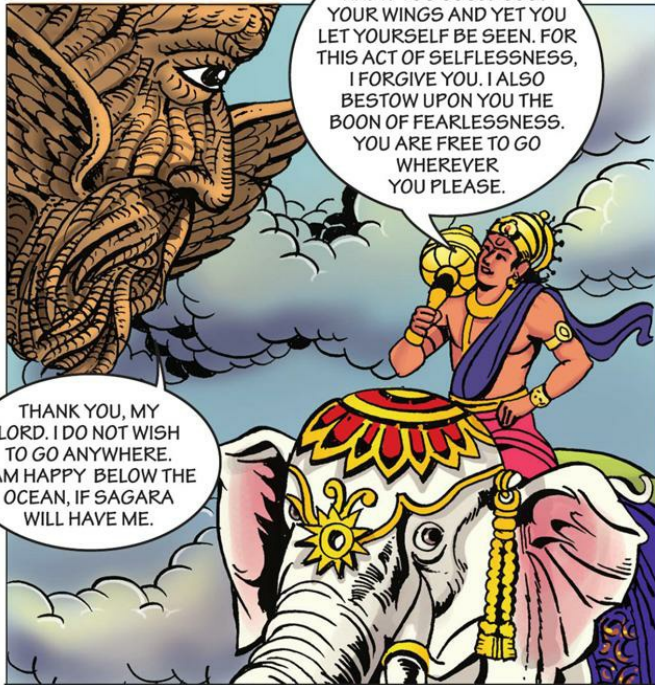
MEANWHILE, UP IN HEAVEN, INDRA HAD SEEN THE WHOLE EXCHANGE.

HMMM....MAYBE I HAVE MISJUDGED MAINAKA. HE RISKED BEING SEEN BY ME WHEN HE CAME OUT TO HELP HANUMAN.



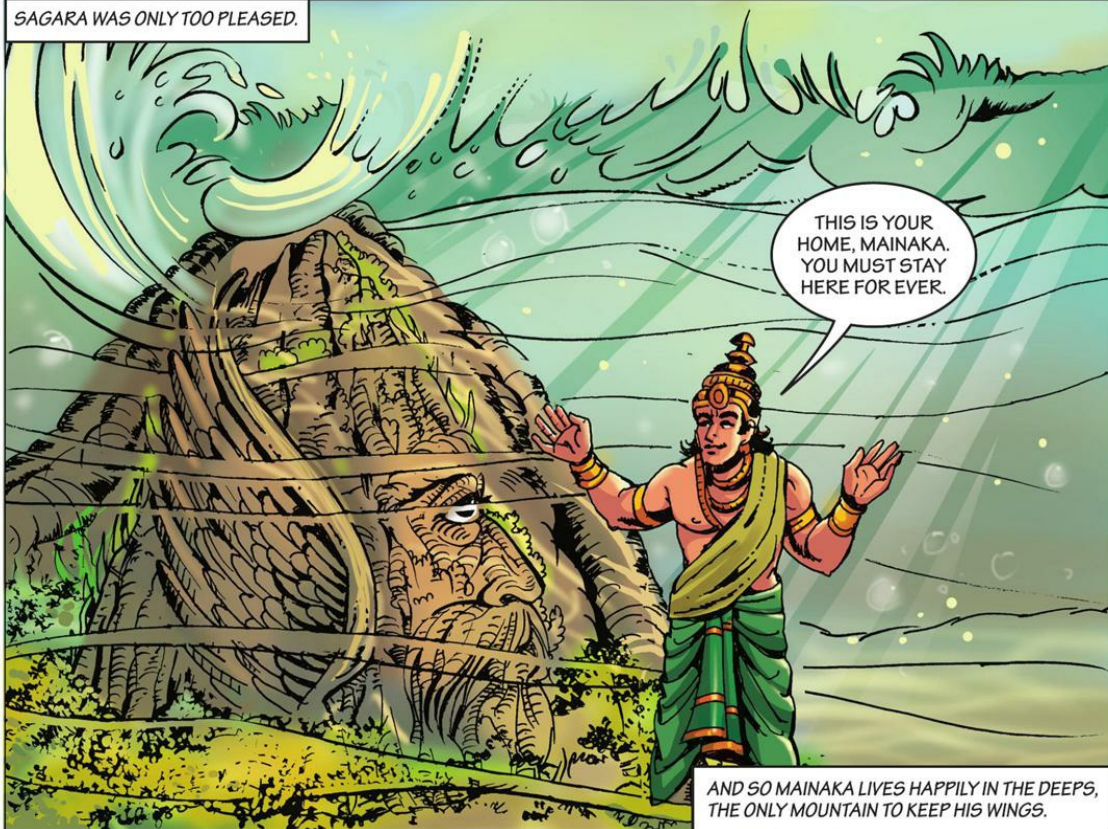
THANK YOU, MY LORD. I DO NOT WISH TO GO ANYWHERE. I AM HAPPY BELOW THE OCEAN, IF SAGARA WILL HAVE ME.

O MAINAKA, YOU KNEW YOU COULD LOSE YOUR WINGS AND YET YOU LET YOURSELF BE SEEN. FOR THIS ACT OF SELFLESSNESS, I FORGIVE YOU. I ALSO BESTOW UPON YOU THE BOON OF FEARLESSNESS. YOU ARE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU PLEASE.



SAGARA WAS ONLY TOO PLEASED.

THIS IS YOUR HOME, MAINAKA. YOU MUST STAY HERE FOR EVER.



AND SO MAINAKA LIVES HAPPILY IN THE DEEPS, THE ONLY MOUNTAIN TO KEEP HIS WINGS.

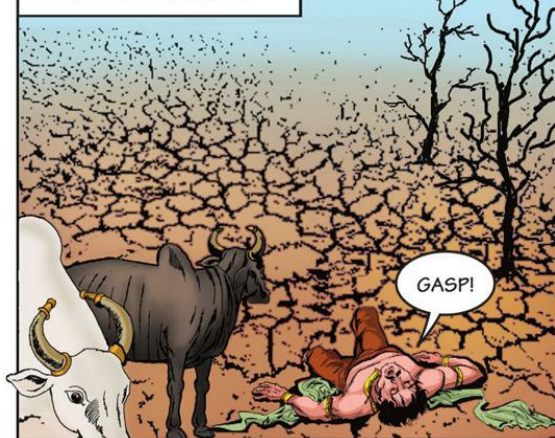
INDRA AND THE MANY INDRAS



FOR MANY MONTHS, VRITRA HAD WREAKED HAVOC ON THE GODS.



HE HAD ALSO SWALLOWED ALL THE WATER IN THE WORLD.



FINALLY, INDRA ATTACKED VRITRASURA WITH HIS THUNDERBOLT...



ALL THE WATER THAT VRITRA
HELD CAME GUSHING OUT.

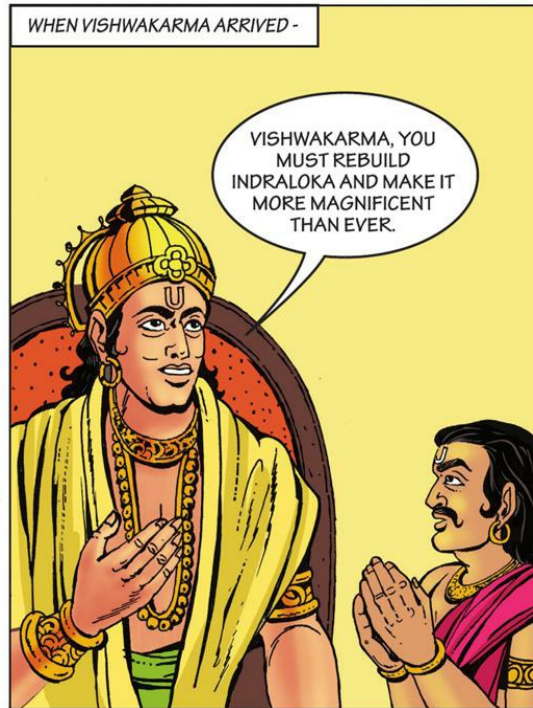


INDRA RETURNED TO A TUMULTUOUS
WELCOME IN INDRALOKA.



BUT THE CITY LAY
DEVASTATED.





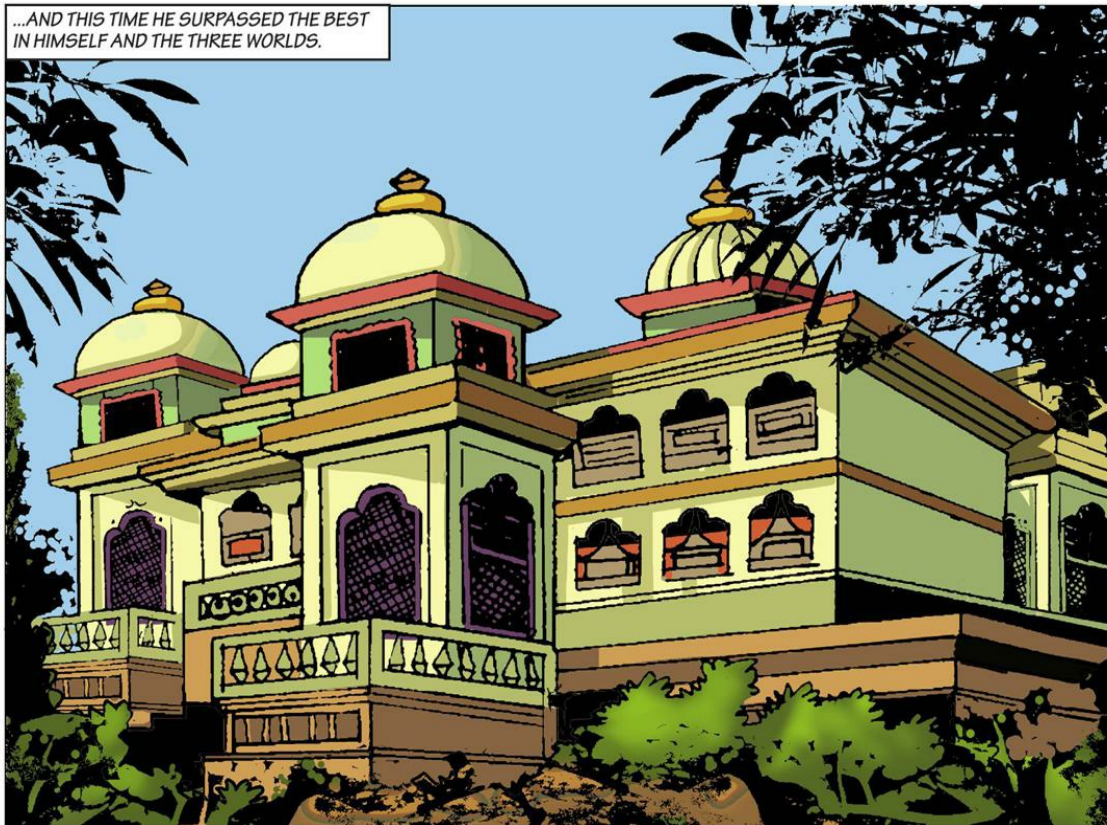
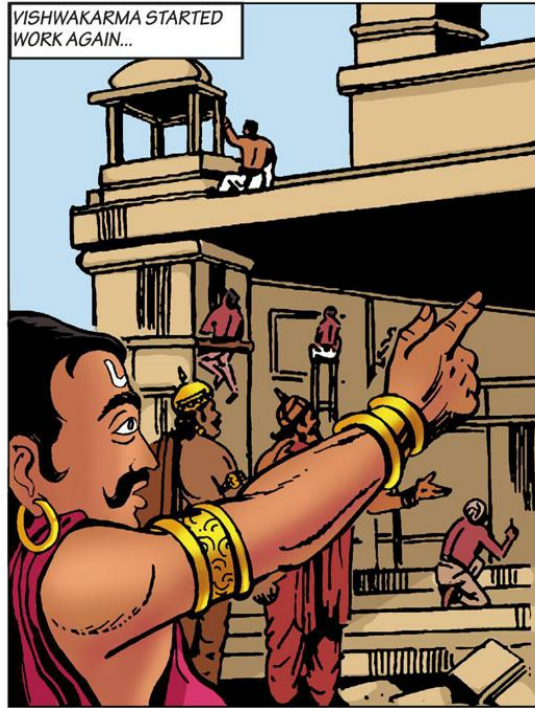
* ANOTHER NAME FOR INDRA.

AFTER MANY MONTHS -



BUT WHEN INDRA ARRIVED -







BRAHMA TURNED TO LORD VISHNU, WHO HEARD HIM OUT IN SILENCE. FINALLY -

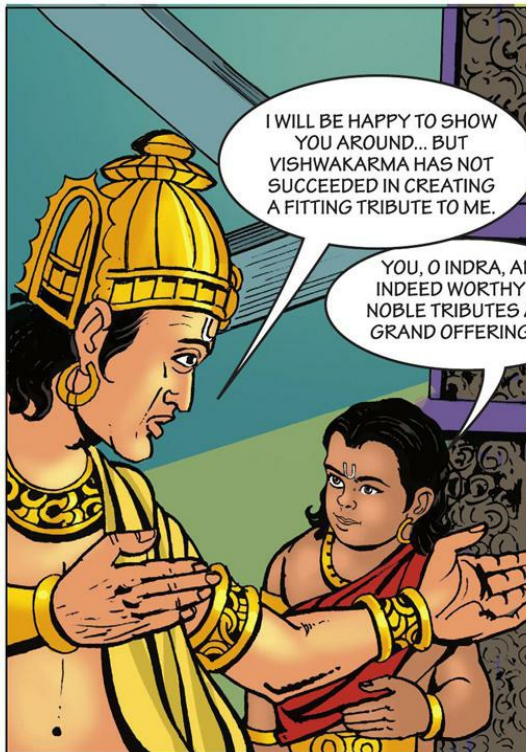


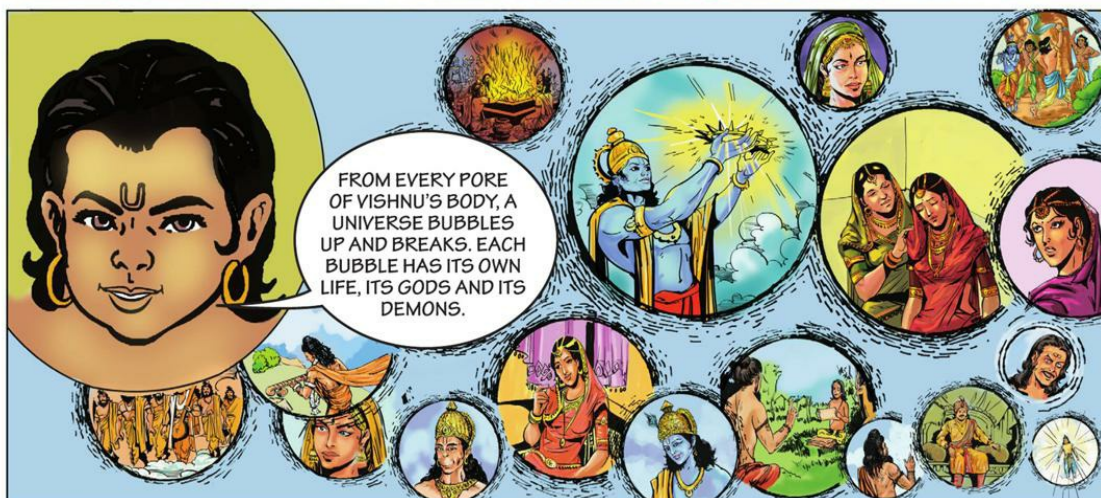
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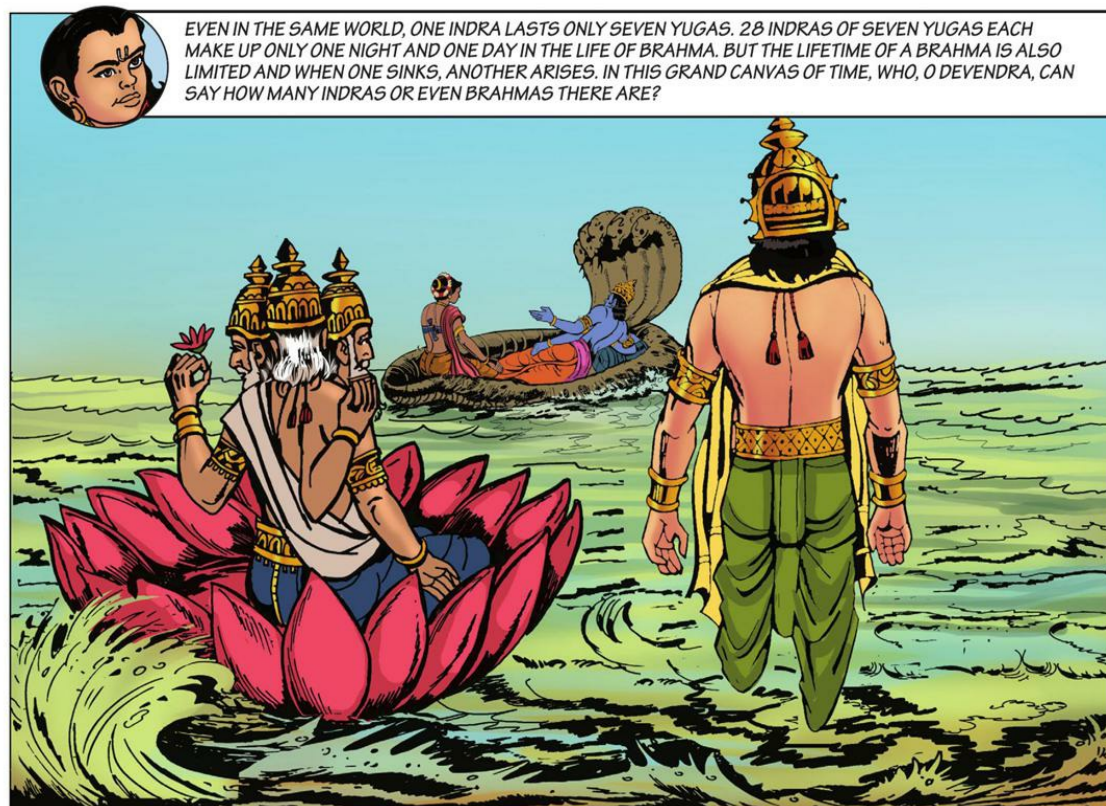


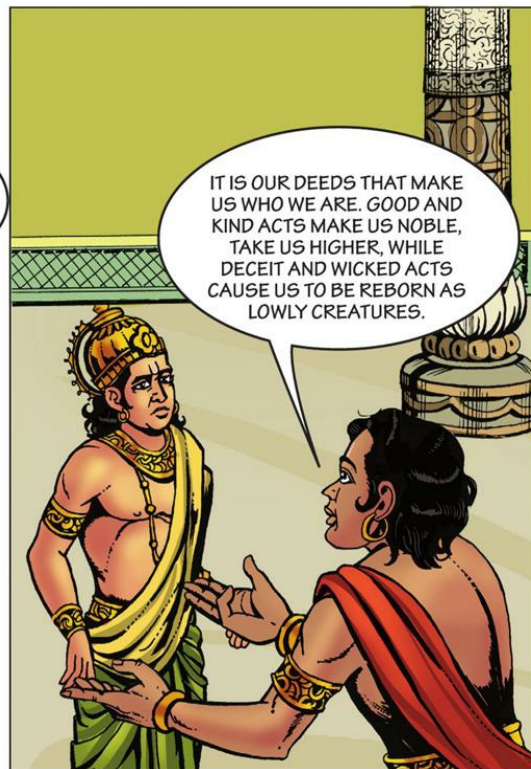
INDRA WELCOMED THE BOY.

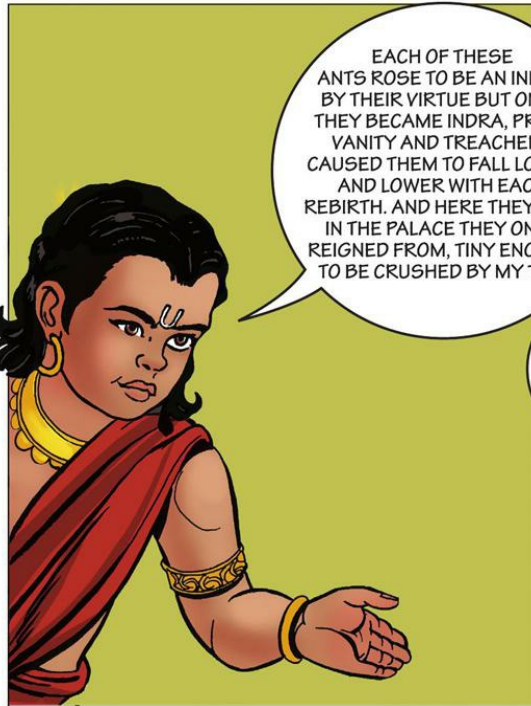












EACH OF THESE ANTS ROSE TO BE AN INDRA BY THEIR VIRTUE BUT ONCE THEY BECAME INDRA, PRIDE, VANITY AND TREACHERY CAUSED THEM TO FALL LOWER AND LOWER WITH EACH REBIRTH. AND HERE THEY ARE, IN THE PALACE THEY ONCE REIGNED FROM, TINY ENOUGH TO BE CRUSHED BY MY TOE.



THEN, THE BOY REVEALED HIMSELF AS VISHNU.

FORGIVE ME! PRIDE MADE ME BLIND. VISHWAKARMA HAS CREATED A GLORIOUS PALACE BUT I FOOLISHLY THOUGHT THAT I DESERVED BETTER.

INDRA LEARNT HIS LESSON WELL. VISHWAKARMA COMPLETED INDRALOKA AND HARMONY WAS RESTORED IN HEAVEN.

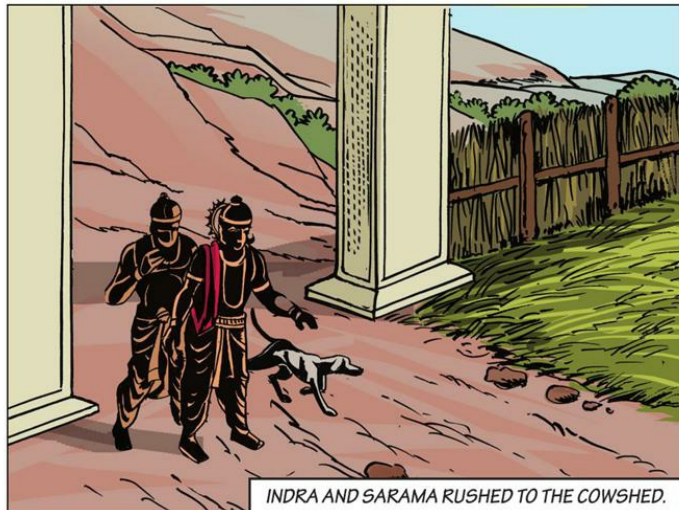
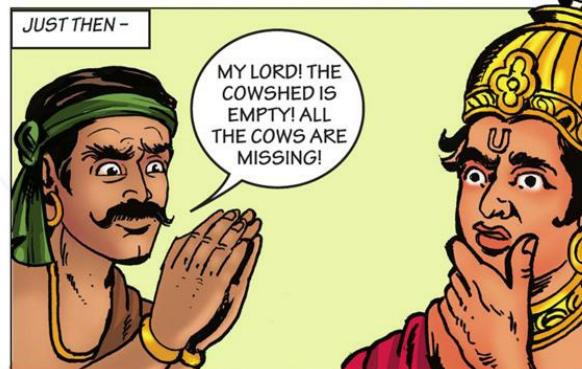


INDRA AND SARAMA

ALL WAS WELL IN AMRAVATI * AND INDRA WAS ENJOYING A MOMENT OF PEACE WITH HIS DOG, SARAMA.

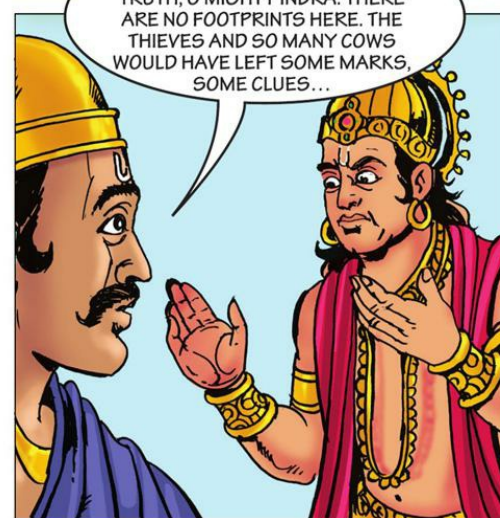
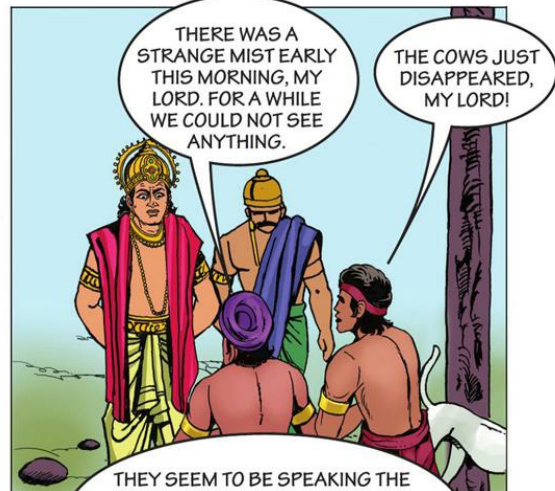


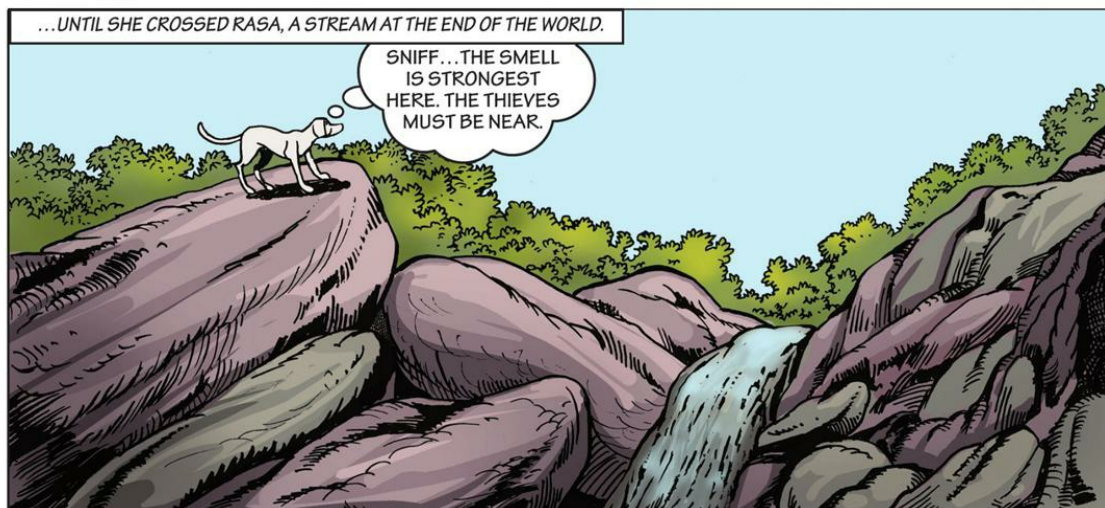
JUST THEN -

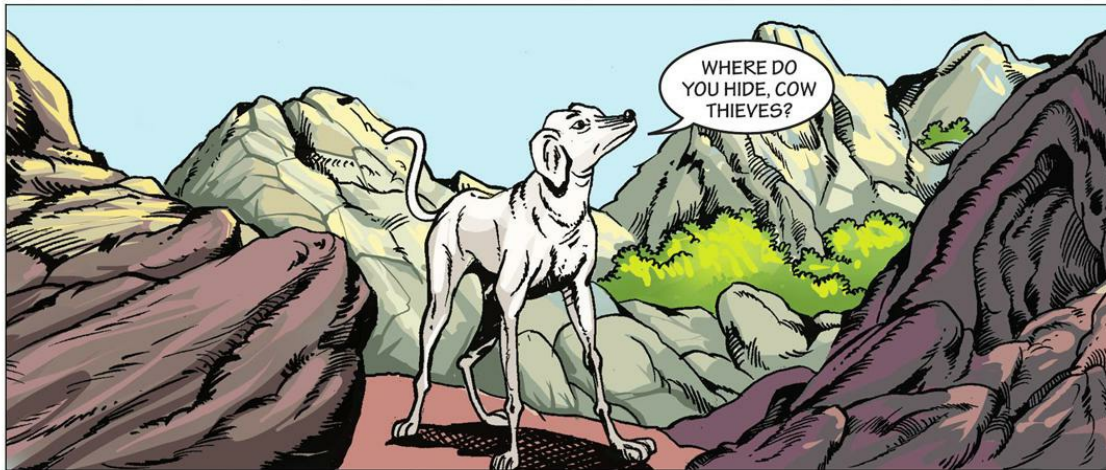


INDRA AND SARAMA RUSHED TO THE COWSHED.

* INDRALOKA IS ALSO KNOWN AS AMRAVATI.

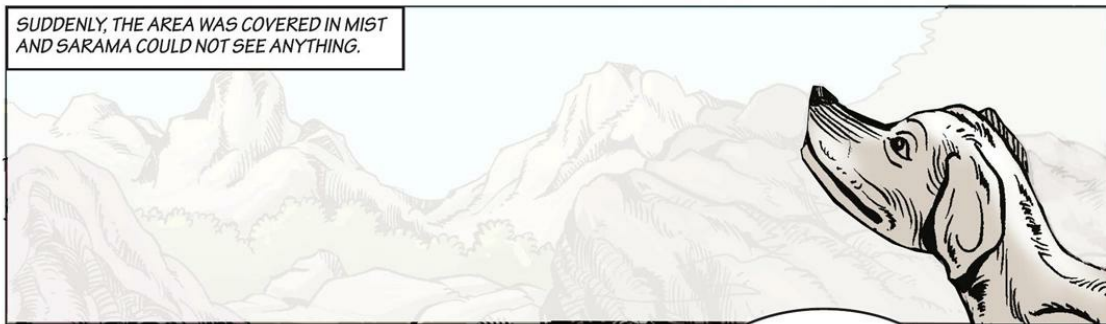






WHERE DO
YOU HIDE, COW
THIEVES?

SUDDENLY, THE AREA WAS COVERED IN MIST
AND SARAMA COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING.

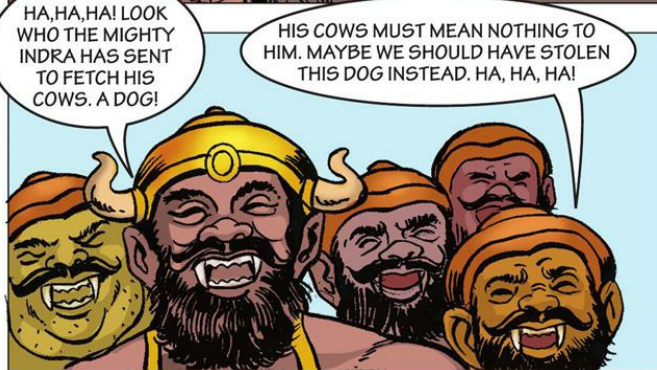


WHO DARES COME
HERE TO DISTURB
OUR PEACE?

IT WAS NO ORDINARY MIST. IT WAS MADE BY
THE WICKED PANIS OR DEMONS OF THE MIST.



IT IS I, SARAMA,
FAITHFUL COMPANION TO
INDRA. IF YOU ARE THE
ONES WHO HAVE TAKEN
HIS COWS, YOU MUST
RELEASE THEM
AT ONCE.



HA, HA, HA! LOOK
WHO THE MIGHTY
INDRA HAS SENT
TO FETCH HIS
COWS. A DOG!

HIS COWS MUST MEAN NOTHING TO
HIM. MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE STOLEN
THIS DOG INSTEAD. HA, HA, HA!



*A MIGHTY ROCK





NO! I MUST NOT LET THEM DEFEAT ME. I MUST REACH MY MASTER, SOMEHOW.

FIGHTING TO KEEP A HOLD OVER HER SENSES, SARAMA STRUGGLED HOME...



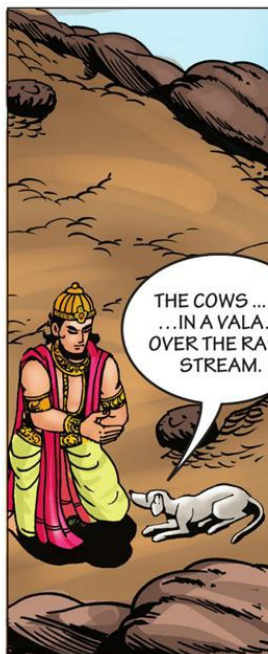
...AND COLLAPSED AT INDRA'S FEET.



THE PANIS... THEY GAVE ME SOMETHING TO MAKE ME SLEEPY. THEY... THEY DIDN'T WANT ME TO REACH YOU.



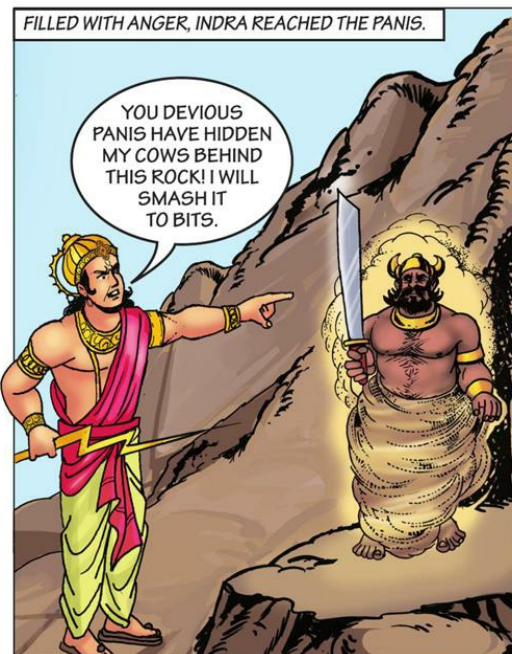
THE PANIS! I WILL NOT LET THEM GO!



THE COWS ... IN ... IN A VALA ... OVER THE RASA STREAM.

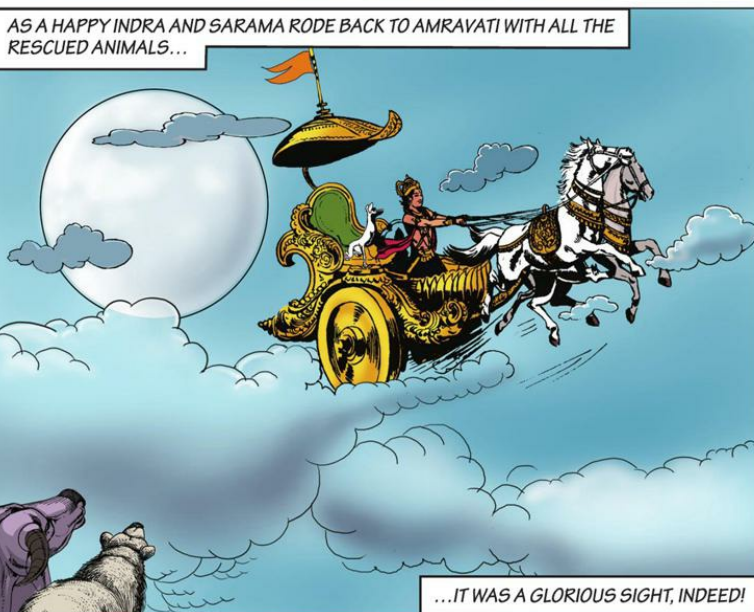
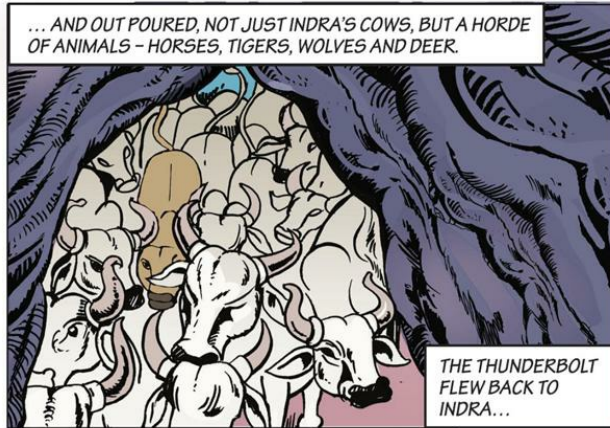
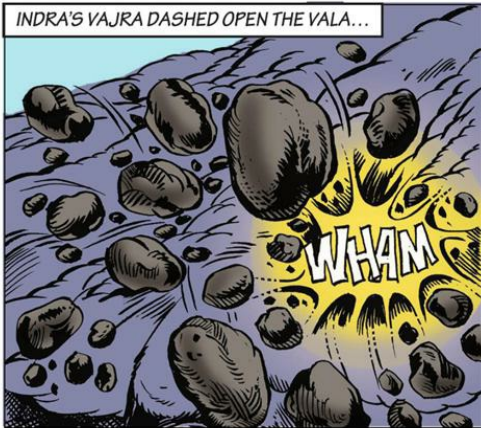


SHUSH... DON'T TALK NOW, MY NOBLE FRIEND. WE WILL FIND THEM TOGETHER.



FILLED WITH ANGER, INDRA REACHED THE PANIS.

YOU DEVIUS PANIS HAVE HIDDEN MY COWS BEHIND THIS ROCK! I WILL SMASH IT TO BITS.



WHICH OF THE ACKs HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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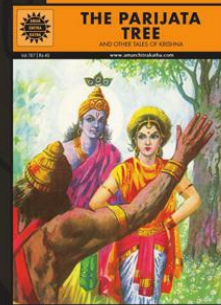
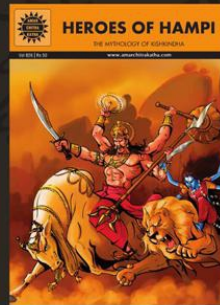
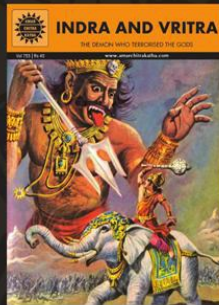
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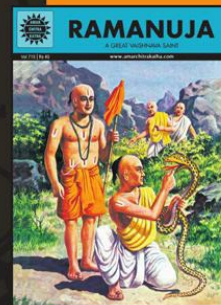
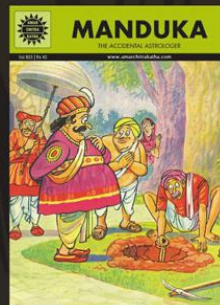
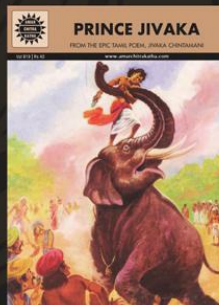
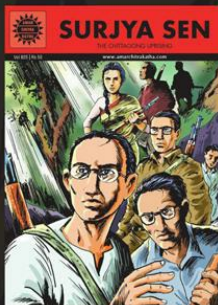
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